

By fiscal year, in millions of dollars

The proposal would extend the period that qualified refugees and asylees can collect SSI by one year. Under current law, refugees and asylees who entered the country after August 22, 1996 can collect SSI benefits for up to seven years. At that point, they lose eligibility (unless they have become citizens). This proposal would temporarily extend the period of time they may collect benefits from seven years to eight years, beginning at the start of FY 2007 and ending in FY 2009. CBO estimates that it would benefit approximately 4,500 refugees and asylees in each of those years.

[illegible]